

(3 Hours)

[Total Marks: 100]

N.B.: (1) All questions are compulsory.

(2) Attempt any two subquestions from part(a), part(b) and part(c).

(3) Figures to the right indicate marks for respective subquestions.

(4) Use of non programmable calculators allowed

- 1 (a) (i) Prove that the variance  $\sigma_v^2$  of a portfolio cannot be greater than the variance  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  of the components, if short sales are not allowed. (5)
- (ii) Let  $\Omega = \{2,3\}$  and  $F = \{\phi, \Omega, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$ . Check if  $X(\omega) = 2$  is a random variable w.r.t. the given  $\sigma$  field. (5)
- (b) (i) Calculate the price of a 9 month European put option on a non-dividend paying stock with a strike price of 30, the risk free interest rate is 6% p.a. and the volatility is 8% p.a. (5)
- (ii) State and prove Total Probability theorem. (5)
- (c) (i) Define a field, an atom in the field. Show that different atoms in a field must be disjoint. (5)
- (ii) Define finitely additive probability measure, countably additive probability measure sub additive property of a probability measure. (5)
- 2 (a) Let  $\tilde{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ - field that satisfies the condition (10)
- $$A \subset \tilde{F}$$
- If  $F$  is a  $\sigma$ -field and  $A \subset F$  then  $\tilde{F} \subset F$ . Show that  $\mathcal{F}_A = \tilde{F}$
- (b) (i) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup A_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf A_n$  (6)
- where  $A_{2n} = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$ ;  $A_{2n-1} = \{1, 3, 7, \dots\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- (ii) Show that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x - [x] & \text{for } x \in [0, 2] \\ \text{otherwise} & \end{cases}$  is a density function. Let  $P$  be an absolutely continuous probability measure with density given by the above function  $f$ . Find  $P(A)$  where  $A = [2, 4]$ . (4)
- (c) (i) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the family of finite subsets of  $\Omega$ . Determine the  $\sigma$ - field generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . (6)
- (ii) If  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset A_3 \subset \dots$ , then show that  $P(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$ . (4)
- 3 (a) Define a random variable. Let  $X$  be a random variable. Show that the map  $P_X(B) = P(\{X \in B\})$  is a probability measure on the  $\sigma$ -field  $B$  of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Further, if  $X$  and  $Y$  and random variables defined on the same probability space, Show that the distribution  $P_Y$  of  $Y$  can be obtained from the joint distribution as  $P_Y(B) = P_{X,Y}(\mathbb{R} \times B)$  for any Borel set  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . (10)
- (b) (i) State and prove Jensen Inequality. (6)
- (ii) Define distribution function,  $F_X$ , of a random variable  $X$ . Show that  $F_X$  is non-decreasing. (4)

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- (c) (i) Define conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $B$  where  $X$  is random variable and  $B$  is any event. Further define conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $Y$  where  $X$  is an arbitrary random variable and let  $Y$  is a discrete random variable. (6)
- (ii) Find the expectation of the random variable with Binomial distribution. (4)
- 4 (a) State and prove weak law of large numbers. (10)
- (b) (i) What is meant by the following assumptions used in the mathematical model of a financial security- Liquidity, Short selling, No Arbitrage Principle. (6)
- (ii) Explain risk-neutral valuation approach to value a European call option using a one step binomial tree. (4)
- (c) (i) Exhibit an arbitrage opportunity if the forward price  $F(0, T)$  of a stock paying no dividends is greater than  $S(0)e^{rT}$ . Assume continuous compounding with risk free interest rate  $r$ . (6)
- (ii) What is meant by a long forward position, an European call option. (4)
- 5 (a) Prove that a binomial tree model admits no arbitrage if and only if  $d < r < u$ . Assume 1-step tree model. (10)
- (b) (i) Show that price of an American call option ( $C_A$ ) = price of a European call option ( $C_E$ ), whenever the strike price  $X$  and expiry time  $T$  are the same for both options. (6)
- (ii) State Black-Scholes-Merton formula for an European call option price. List 4 factors that affect the stock option price. (4)
- (c) (i) An investor buys a European put on a share for Rs.10. The stock price is 55 and the strike price is 50. Under what circumstances does the investor make a profit? Under what circumstances will the option be exercised? (6)
- (ii) Show that price of an European put option ( $P_E$ ) on a stock paying no dividends satisfies the following inequality:  

$$\max\{0, -S(0) + Xe^{-rT}\} \leq P_E \leq Xe^{-rT}$$
 (4)